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1. SPEAKER'S SUGGESTED ARRIVAL STATEMENT:

WE THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, AND YOUR DISTINGUISHED COLLEAGUES AND ASSOCIATES, FOR THIS SPLENDID WELCOME. IT WAS VERY KIND OF ALL OF YOU TO TAKE TIME OUT FROM YOUR MANY RESPONSIBILITIES TO COME OUT HERE FOR OUR ARRIVAL. WE HAVE COME A LONG WAY TO VISIT YOU, RESPONDING TO YOUR GENEROUS INVITATION, BECAUSE WE ESPECIALLY VALUE THE OPPORTUNITY TO BECOME ACQUAINTED WITH YOU, YOUR VIEWS AND YOUR BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY.

WE KNOW A GREAT DEAL ABOUT YUGOSLAVIA FROM AFAR. THE HISTORY OF YOUR SUCCESSFUL STRUGGLE FOR INDEPENDENCE UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF PRESIDENT TITO IS WELL KNOWN. AMERICAN SUPPORT AND FRIENDSHIP DURING YOUR DARK DAYS OF TRIAL AND THE BRIGHTER ONES WHICH HAVE FOLLOWED ARE A SOURCE OF PRIDE TO US. YUGOSLAVIA HAS ALSO ATTAINED A PROMINENT PLACE AMONG THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD; ITS VOICE IS A SIGNIFICANT ONE IN INTERNATIONAL COUNCILS.

WE HAVE HAD THE PLEASURE OF MEETING WITH DISTINGUISHED YUGOSLAV VISITORS TO WASHINGTON--MOST RECENTLY PRESIDENT

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BIJEDIC. NOW IT IS WE WHO ARE VISITING YOU, AND YOU HAVE

RECEIVED US MOST WARMLY. WE ARE GLAD WE CAME FOR WE
ALREADY FEEL WE ARE AMONG FRIENDS. WE LOOK FORWARD TO OUR
DISCUSSIONS WITH YOU AND REPRESENTATIVES OF YUGOSLAV
POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND OTHER ACTIVITIES.

2. SPEAKER'S SUGGESTED TOAST FOR DINNER GIVEN BY ASSEMBLY
PRESIDENT GLIGOROV:

PRESIDENT AND MRS. GLIGOROV, DISTINGUISHED LADIES AND
GENTLEMEN: THIS HAS INDEED BEEN A MOST EXCELLENT EVENING.
THE US DELEGATION TO THE INTERNATIONAL PARLIAMENTARY UNION
MEETING IN BELGRADE LAST FEBRUARY AND OTHER MEMBERS OF
CONGRESS WHO HAVE BEEN TO YUGOSLAVIA, CAME BACK TO WASHINGTON
WITH NOTHING BUT PRAISE ABOUT YOUR COUNTRY. THEY SAID THE
PEOPLE ARE FRIENDLY, THE COUNTRY IS RICH IN NATURAL BEAUTY
AND THE FOOD IS EXCELLENT. WE FELT WE HAD TO COME TO SEE
FOR OURSELVES. BUT I MUST ADMIT, AFTER A FEW HOURS HERE,
THAT MY DISTINGUISHED COLLEAGUES DID NOT STATE THE CASE
COMPLETELY ACCURATELY. BECAUSE, MR. PRESIDENT, WE ARE
FINDING EVERYTHING IS EVEN BETTER THAN WE WERE TOLD.

WE WERE PARTICULARLY PLEASED TO ACCEPT YOUR KIND
INVITATION TO VISIT YUGOSLAVIA BECAUSE WE FIRMLY BELIEVE
THAT YOU AND WE HAVE MANY IMPORTANT COMMON INTERESTS TO
DISCUSS. WE IN THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS ARE VITALLY
CONCERNED ABOUT ANY THREAT TO PEACE IN THE MEDITERRANEAN
AND ELSEWHERE AS WELL AS IN FINDING SOLUTIONS TO THE GREAT
AND COMPLEX PROBLEMS SUCH AS FOOD, THE ARMS RACE, OVER-
POPULATION, ENERGY AND WORLD ECONOMIC PROBLEMS. AND
WE KNOW THAT THOSE OF YOU IN THE YUGOSLAV FEDERAL ASSEMBLY
ARE, TOO. WE ARE WORKING HARD ON THESE PROBLEMS, AS ARE YOU.
WE THEREFORE WELCOME THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXCHANGE EXPERIENCE
AND TO SEE HOW WE CAN WORK TOGETHER ON ISSUES IN WHICH WE
HAVE A COMMON INTEREST. WE ARE ALSO EXCITED AT THE PROSPECT
OF SEEING SOMETHING OF YOUR COUNTRY WHICH IS RENOWNED FOR
ITS NATURAL BEAUTY, OF MEETING WITH MANY OF YOUR LEADERS,
AND OF HAVING THE CHANCE TO GAIN AN IMPRESSION OF THE
CONCERNS AND ASPIRATIONS OF YOUR PEOPLE.

OUR TWO COUNTRIES HAVE MUCH IN COMMON BESIDES THE
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MUTUAL DESIRE TO BUILD BETTER LIVES FOR OUR PEOPLES AND TO
CONTRIBUTE TO THE BUILDING OF A MORE HARMONIOUS, TRANQUIL
WORLD. WE HAVE BOTH WON OUR INDEPENDENCE OURSELVES AND
PRESERVED IT WITH OUR OWN COURAGE AND DETERMINATION. IN
BOTH CASES, THE PRICE WAS DEAR. TODAY, ON MOUNT AVALA,
WE PAID TRIBUTE TO ONEVUF THE COUNTLESS YUGOIEAVS WHO FELL
IN YOUR COUNTRY'S WARS, AND A FEW MONTHS AGO PRESIDENT
BIJEDIC DECORATED THE GRAVES OF OUR UNKNOWN HEROES IN

WASHINGTON. WE HAVE BEEN ALLIES IN WAR AND WE HAVE BUILT A LASTING FRIENDSHIP IN PEACE. YUGOSLAV BLOOD FLOWS IN THE VEINS OF MODERN AMERICA, FOR MANY SOUTH SLAVS CROSSED THE SEAS TO BECOME AMERICANS AND JOIN IN BUILDING OUR COUNTRY. SOME OF THEM HAVE BEEN HONORED BY BEING ELECTED TO CONGRESS. TWO DISTINGUISHED AMERICANS OF YUGOSLAV ORIGIN RECENTLY VISITED YOU, CONGRESSMAN JOE SKUBITZ AND JOHN BLATNIK, WHO IS NOW RETIRED AFTER A LONG AND SUCCESSFUL CAREER IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AND WHO CAME HERE TO HELP YOU CELEBRATE YOUR VICTORY IN WHICH HE ALSO PARTICIPATED.

WE ESTEEM THE ENDURING TIES BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. AND WE IN CONGRESS ARE PROUD OF THE ROLE WE HAVE PLAYED IN THIS RELATIONSHIP AND IN CASTING VOTES FOR OUR GOVERNMENT'S SUPPORT OF YOUR INDEPENDENCE AND VIABILITY.

NEXT YEAR THE UNITED STATES WILL CELEBRATE 200 YEARS OF INDEPENDENCE. MAY YOURS EQUALLY ENDURE, STRONG AS BELGRADE'S ANCIENT FORTRESS. I PROPOSE A TOAST TO YOU MR. PRESIDENT, TO YUGOSLAVIA, ITS PEOPLE AND TO THE HEALTH AND LONG LIFE OF HIS EXCELLENCY, PRESIDENT TITO.

3. INFORMATION TO DRAW ON FOR INFORMAL TOASTS:
DUBROVNIK, ON DALMATIAN COAST, LONG A FAMOUS SEA-FARING CITY, WAS A PROSPEROUS TRADING CITY-REPUBLIC IN THE 14TH - 18TH CENTURIES; THE SITE OF A FAMOUS SUMMER CULTURAL AND ARTS FESTIVAL (WHICH WILL BE IN PROGRESS DURING CODEL'S VISIT); ENTIRE CITY IS MUSEUM IN WHICH INHABITANTS CARRY ON NORMAL DAILY LIVES WITHIN INTACT 17TH CENTURY WALLS AND FORTRESS. MANY YUGOSLAVS FROM DALMATIA EMIGRATED TO US.

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BRIONI ISLAND--PRESIDENT TITO'S USUAL SUMMER RESIDENCE; SITE OF MANY HIGH-LEVEL VISITS (PRESIDENTS, PRIME MINISTERS, KINGS, CP LEADERS, ETC.) AND OF IMPORTANT GOVERNMENT MEETINGS; ISLAND IS RENOWNED FOR BEAUTY AND BALMY CLIMATE.

LJUBLJANA--SLOVENIA'S PEOPLE ARE KNOWN FOR HARD WORK AND RESOURCEFULNESS; NEARBY ON THE SLOVENIAN-CROATIAN BORDER IS SITE OF THE KRSKO NUCLEAR ELECTRIC POWER STATION (UNDER CONSTRUCTION) IN WHICH WESTINGHOUSE AND US FINANCING PLAY KEY ROLES. CONGRESSMAN JOE SKUBITZ AND FORMER CONGRESSMAN JOHN BLATNIK ARE OF SLOVENIAN ORIGIN AND PAID VISITS TO SLOVENIA IN RECENT MONTHS. EXECUTIVE COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANDREJ MARINC VISITED WASHINGTON IN NOVEMBER; CONGRESSMAN BLATNIK GAVE A LUNCH IN HIS HONOR AT CAPITOL.

4. WE HAVE MEETING WITH YUGOSLAVS JULY 14 TO
DISCUSS ALTERNATE SCHEDULE AND OTHER POINTS IN REFS B AND C.
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